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SUBJECT: THRACIAN ART EXHIBIT

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1. IN COURSE OF GENERAL REVIEW MAY 7 PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE ON CONSULTATION, AMBASSADOR RAISED THRACIAN ARTS EXHIBIT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV AS EXAMPLE OF PETTY BUREAUCRATS "NOT UNDERSTANDING" THE AGREED PRACTICAL INTERIM APPROACH TO U.S.-BULGARIAN CULTURAL RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT MLADENOV HAD HIMSELF SUGGESTED LAST AUGUST 26 THAT EXHIBIT GO TO U.S. AND POINTED OUT ADVANTAGES TO BULGARIA OF EXHIBIT TOURING U.S. DURING OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

2. MLADENOV REPLIED THAT SCHEDULE FOR EXHIBIT DURING 1976 AND EARLY 1977 HAS BEEN SETTLED, AND U.S. IS NOT INCLUDED. EXHIBIT WILL GO TO WEST GERMANY FOLLOWING ENGLAND. HE DID NOT GIVE FURTHER SCHEDULE, BUT SAID POLITICAL PROBLEMS WERE ARISING WITH BULGARIA'S SOCIALIST FRIENDS BECAUSE OF PREFERENCE BEING GIVEN TO "CAPITALIST" COUNTRIES. HE CITED POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND GDR IN THIS REGARD, AND DID NOT MENTION IRAN AND BRAZIL. (ITALY HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DROPPED BECAUSE IT OFFERED INADEQUATE EXHIBITION SPACE.)

3. MLADENOV THEN SAID HE COULD VIRTUALLY ASSURE US THAT  
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EXHIBIT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SHOWING IN U.S. DURING 1977 BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT SCHEDULE SO COMPLETELY LOCKED UP BECAUSE ONLY RECENTLY HE HAD BEEN ADVISED

THAT 1976 SCHEDULE WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION (REFTEL B).  
HE REITERATED ADVANTAGES TO BULGARIA IN BRINGING EXHIBIT  
TO U.S. IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

4. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, WE WOULD SEE SOME  
ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF EXPOSURE IN 1977, ALTHOUGH WE  
RECOGNIZE THAT 1976 WOULD HAVE INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANTAGES. BUT SHOWING OF THRACIAN  
EXHIBIT IS, AFTER ALL, A BULGARIAN INITIATIVE AND WE  
SHOULD NOT RUN AFTER THEM IF THEY HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES.  
THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE CONVERSATION TO INDICATE THAT  
FAILURE TO SHOW EXHIBIT IN 1976 WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT  
ON PROPOSALS WE HAVE MADE FOR EXHIBIT SHOWING AND CULTURAL  
PRESENTATIONS IN BULGARIA (PHOTOGRAPHY USA, JOSE  
LIMON IN 1975, L.A. SYMPHONY IN 1976). ON THE  
CONTRARY, MLADENOV PROMISED TO BE HELPFUL IN EXPEDITING  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USA.

5. WE THINK IT BEST TO LET THE MATTER OF THE THRACIAN  
EXHIBIT REST FOR A WHILE NOW. WE TRUST PROBLEMS WITH  
FUNDING INSURANCE AND TRANSPORTATION OF EXHIBIT, WHICH  
WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE BEEN EASIER TO HANDLE IN BICENTENNIAL  
CONTEXT, WILL STILL BE MANAGEABLE IN 1977. WE WILL NEED  
TO KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT OFFER DETAILED IN REFTEL C WILL NOT  
RPT NOT APPLY FOR 1977 SHOWINGS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT  
INTEND TO APPROACH GOB ON THE SUBJECT UNTIL WE ARE A  
LITTLE FURTHER ALONG WITH OUR PROPOSALS THAT ARE STILL  
PENDING.  
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